



8th Civil Engineer Squadron

The 8th CES is a 335-person squadron that supports America's premier fighter wing in the Pacific — The Wolf Pack. Tracing its history as far back as 1961, the Red Devils are the marquee unit for the entire wing. As the foundation of the wing's combat airpower, the CE Red Devils provide critical infrastructure repair, dynamic emergency services, airfield damage repair, and force survival and readiness training and capabilities. Maintaining a high degree of combat readiness, the squadron continues to advance environmental security and stewardship while enhancing the base's development and community planning.

Parent Unit:

The Wolf Pack, 8th Fighter Wing
(Pacific Air Forces)

Location:

Kunsan Air Base, Republic of
Korea

Commander:

Lt Col Jose A. Mata

Assigned Personnel:

236 military and 99 South
Korea civilians

Wing Mission:

Defend the Base – Accept
Follow-on Forces – Take the
Fight North!!

Squadron Nickname:

CE Red Devils

Recent Accomplishments: One of the lead bases to implement the Air Force's new Chemical Warfare CONOPS base-wide. The squadron simultaneously revolutionized the way it plans for the future and accomplishes work today with *Kunsan 2015* — its base development vision. The plan continues to transform Kunsan Air Base into an "assignment of choice," as stated by both the Air Force Chief of Staff and the commanding general of U.S. Forces Korea. The squadron also maintains a close relationship with Republic of Korea Air Force engineers.

Additionally, the 8th CES has developed alternatives to executing major projects and programs by using the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence as an adjunct to the Corps of Engineers. This new relationship has increased the cost effectiveness of projects and dramatically enhanced responsiveness to the mission and its customers.

Unique Requirements: A heavy workload combined with constant annual turnover creates unique challenges that are overcome by working together. The 8th CES enjoys high morale and even higher esprit de corps. "One Squadron — One Family" is the philosophy that keeps the unit — civilian and military — strong. As part of the "11th AEF," the CE Red Devils are already "deployed" to where they will fight. This sobering reality bonds the unit and brings out the warrior ethos. While it is a short-tour assignment, the number of those who choose to do another tour continues to increase every year. Once a Red Devil, always a Red Devil. The legacy it brings to all civil engineers is one of excellence and commitment.

Unit Spotlight